435 BILL NO. 100 OF 1950

*A Bill further to amend the Coffee Market Expansion Act, 1942.*

BE it enacted by Parliament as follows :—

1. *Short title.*—This Act may be called the Coffee Market Expansion (Amendment) Act, 19 .

2. *Amendment of section 4, Act VII of 1942.*—After clause (d) of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Coffee Market Expansion Act, 1942 the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely :—

"(*e*) three persons representing the Robusta coffee growers, one each to be nominated, in consultation with the Robusta coffee growers, by the Governments of Madras and Mysore and one to be nominated by the Chief Commissioner of Coorg in consultation with the Robusta coffee growers in Coorg.

(*f*) one person nominated by the Robusta Coffee Growers Association of South India, Pollibetta, Coorg ; and

(*g*) two persons to be elected by Parliament to represent consumers' interests."

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

There are two distinct varieties of coffee grown in India *viz.*, Arabica Coffee and Robusta Coffee. As much as one-third of the quantity of coffee produced in India is the Robusta variety and large acreages of new plantations are now covered by this variety of coffee. This coffee is largely used to blend the Arabica Coffee and in the market fetches almost the same price as that of the Arabica variety or a little less. But the Robusta coffee growers feel that in the Coffee Board their interests are not properly looked into because they have practically no representation on the coffee board. The Bill seeks to provide at least four seats exclusively to Robusta coffee growers. The consumers' interests also are proposed to be represented by enabling Parliament to send two members to the coffee board as in the case of the Central Tea Board.

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BILL NO. 4 OF 1951

*A Bill further to amend the Rehabilitation Finance Administration Act, 1948.*

BE it enacted by Parliament as follows :—

1. *Short title.*—This Act may be called the Rehabilitation Finance Administration (Amendment) Act, 19 .

2. *Amendment of Section 2, Act XII of 1948.*—In Section 2 of the Rehabilitation Finance Administration Act, 1948 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act) after clause (b) the following new clause be inserted, namely :—

"(bb) 'The Chief Administrator' means the person who shall not be a retired official or shall be on the verge of retirement but he shall be a person of age between 40 and 45 ;"

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3. *Amendment of Section* 4, *Act XII of* 1948.—In sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the said Act,—

(i) in clause (a) the words "who shall be called the Chief Administrator" shall be omitted; and

(ii) in clause (b) for the word "four" the word "two" shall be substituted.

4. *Amendment of Section* 10, *Act XII of* 1948.—In Section 10 of the said Act,—

(i) in clause (a)—

(a) the words "a Deputy Chief Administrator and"; and

(b) the word "other" shall be omitted; and

(ii) in clause (b) the words "the Deputy Chief Administrator" shall be omitted.

5. *Amendment of Section* 13, *Act, XII of* 1948.—In Section 13 of the said Act,—

(i) in sub-section (3) for the figure "6" the figures "4½" shall be substituted; and

(ii) after sub-section (3) the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(3A) All loan applications received from the displaced persons shall be disposed of within three months from the receipt of such applications."

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## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

This amending Bill is brought to improve the working of the Administration after an experience of nearly two years. At present a large number of applications are not disposed of over a period ranging from six months to 12 months with the result that the displaced persons who should enjoy the benefits granted by the Government as speedily as possible are deprived of these benefits. There are instances where the applicants having failed to get money within the shortest period possible, had either to leave the place or occupy themselves in other activities. It is essential for the expeditious disposal of such applications that the person at the head should be a person of the age between 40 and 50.

It is also proposed to amend Section 4 with majority of persons who are attached with the people, particularly displaced persons who can understand their difficulties.

It is also intended to amend Section 13 (3) with the object of giving more relief to displaced persons by charging them only 4½ per cent interest instead of 6 per cent.

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